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Testimony to the Insurance and Real Estate, Human Services and Public Health Committees

In support of:

HB 6308, *AA Establishing the Connecticut Healthcare Partnership;*

HB 6305, *AAC Implementation of the Sustinet Plan;* and

Dear Representative Megna, Senator Crisco, Representative Tercyak, Senator Musto, Representative Ritter, Senator Stillman, and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate, Human Services and Public Health Committees:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of two bills critical for helping Meriden families and for fixing Connecticut's broken health care system: **the CT Healthcare Partnership Bill (HB 6308) and Sustinet (HB 6305).**

In particular, the Partnership bill would help non-profits and small employers to afford to offer quality health care to attract and retain skilled employees. Sustinet would go even further, providing a new insurance choice to individuals and large businesses and aggressively working to improve outcomes and lower costs.

As someone who works closely with families every day, we see first-hand how our health care system is failing so many – especially in these tough times. Your support of these two bills will make our state a leader in the country on health care reform. And more importantly, these bills will help every-day people access the quality, affordable insurance they deserve.

Sincerely,

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